

## **REMARKS**

This is intended to be a complete response to the Official Action mailed November 30, 2005, in which claims 83-86, 88, 95-98, 101, 104, 107-115, 117, 120-125, 127 and 128 were rejected.

Claims 83, 84, 95, 111, 112, 121 and 127 have been amended herein.

Applicant's agent appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview on December 19, 2005 during which various potential amendments for overcoming the rejections over the prior art were discussed. The amendments made herein are reflective of the discussions therein. New claims 132-183 have been added. In particular, new claims 132-135, 144 and 152 are supported in the specification in ¶0021 and ¶0033.

### **Amendment to the Specification**

In ¶ [0033] of the specification the term "swab" has been further characterized as "comprising an absorbent material."

Applicant submits herewith a definition of swab from the Online version of the American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, which defines a swab as typically made of an absorbent material (see Attachment A).

Applicant thus asserts that the amendment to the specification does not comprise new matter and respectfully requests entry thereof in the specification.

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

Claims 83-86, 88, 95-98, 101, 104, 107-115, 117, 120-125 and 127-128 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Yanus et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,521,621).

Claims 83-84, 88, 95-96, 101, 104, 107-112, 115, 117, 120-122, 125 and 127-128 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Badesha et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,855,201).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection in view of the amendments made herein.

Both the Yanus et al., and Badesha et al., references teach applying a thin layer of a silicon or polysiloxane material to a surface using a "Bird" applicator, which has a narrow milled portion which spreads the material in a consistent layer over the surface. The Bird applicator is generally constructed of metal.

In the present claims, the applicator device, as shown in Figure 7 and discussed on page 8, ¶ [0021] and page 14, ¶ [0033], is defined as having a body, a reservoir within the body, and an applicator end constructed of a material which is different from the material used to construct the body.

In a "Bird" applicator, the body and applicator end are constructed of the same material, since the applicator end of the Bird applicator is essentially just the portion of the Bird applicator having the gap formed by milling. The Bird applicator does not teach an applicator device, as claimed herein, wherein the

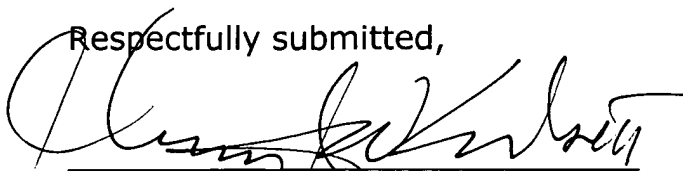
body is constructed of a different material than that used to construct the applicator end.

In the present invention, the applicator end is a brush, a rubber tip, a swab (e.g., an absorbent material) or a wiping device, for example. The body of the present device, since it essentially comprises a rigid shell, would not be constructed of the same material used to construct the applicator end, which must be constructed of a material which allows a flow of the coating composition therethrough, or thereover. Applicant thus asserts the Yanus et al., and Badesha et al., references do not teach each and every element of the claimed invention.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits the claims are novel over the cited art, and requests reconsideration of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance therefor.

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## NOUN:

1.

a. A small piece of absorbent material attached to the end of a stick or wire and used for cleansing or applying medicine.

b. A specimen of mucus or other material removed with a swab.

2. A sponge or patch of absorbent material used to clean the bore of a firearm or cannon.

3. A mop used for cleaning floors or decks.

4. *Slang* A sailor.5. *Slang* A lout.

## TRANSITIVE VERB:

swabbed, also swobbed swab·bing, swob·bing swabs, swobs

1. To use a swab on.

2. To clean with a swab.

## ETYMOLOGY:

Back-formation from *swabber*, *mop for a ship's deck* (from obsolete Dutch \**zwabber*, from *zwabben*, *to mop*), or from obsolete Dutch *swabbe*, *mop* (from Middle Dutch)YAHOO!  
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